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LTG Thomas S. Vandal Commanding General

"You have proven to the Alliance and to North Korea you stand ready to Fight Tonight!"

Pacific Victors,

Welcome to the 2017 ROK Steady Magazine.

This issue looks ahead into all of the exciting changes that we will see this year, as well as the many new initiatives and opportunities on the peninsula.

My priorities remain Readiness, Teamwork, Leadership, and Discipline. Over this next year you can expect to see each of these four areas emphasized throughout the command. The priorities are simple in terms, but will have a profound impact on our mission, Soldiers and the Alliance

We will train readiness through an increased focus on fundamentals such as physical and mental fitness, weapons qualifications, individual and collective chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training, driver's training and small unit training to ensure that we can fight and win in any season, on any terrain and under any operating environment.

We will develop leadership at all levels by conducting realistic and challenging training to improve our individual and collective warfighting skills while emphasizing character development and values training for every Soldier. We will improve our teamwork and our ability to conduct NEO, RSOI, and CWMD operations by leveraging the latest warfighting equipment and training programs in partnership with our Korean allies. Finally, we will improve our discipline through engaged leadership in the barracks and during all training.

For those of you who were here over this last year, you know this has been a challenging year with increased tension across the peninsula and a growing threat in the North. However, you have risen to the challenge consistently to provide a lethal and ready deterrent against those provocations. All of the training that you have conducted demonstrated readiness, teamwork and leadership. You have proven to the Alliance and to North Korea you stand ready to Fight Tonight!

For those of you who have just arrived on the peninsula, welcome to the Republic of Koreal You have an exciting opportunity to be a part of a superb organization, steeped in the proud legacy of those Pacific Victors who have preceded us here in Korea over the last 66 years. During your time in Korea, you will participate in fast-paced, realistic, combined and joint training which will both test and improve your warrior skills. I challenge you to make the most of the next year and to use this as an opportunity to stand out from your peers and develop yourself in your profession.

I am looking forward to great training throughout the year to sharpen your warrior skills as we remain ready to fight tonight in defense of the Republic of Korea.

Pacific Victors! Katchi Kapshida!





CSM Richard E. Merritt Senior Enlisted Advisor

"We serve the world's most professional Army and strongest Alliance."

Pacific Victors, It's rare that we have the opportunity to make history.

As we are assigned to Eighth Army during what will surely be a historically significant 2017, that's exactly where we find ourselves. This year we will conduct the biggest muscle moves of transformation and relocation so far and continue to take major steps toward a truly combined and joint future for ROK and U.S. forces here in Korea. As you read through this issue of the ROK Steady, you'll see that Eighth Army and all our major subordinate commands all have a big year ahead.

Of course as educator John W. Gardner said, history never looks like history when you are living through it. This year we are faced with a lot of opportunities to impact the future. Since opportunities often look a lot like problems, for some of us 2017 may be a little bumpy.

Let's keep that in mind as we forge this history together. We'll be quick to expect leaders at all levels to have a foolproof plan for things that have never been done before. Stay flexible and remember, in transition just as in battle, we fight the enemy not the plan. If the situation unexpectedly changes we have to change with it.

Our priorities are more relevant during transition than ever before. Maintaining Readiness, Teamwork, Leadership and Discipline regardless of the situation will bring us through successfully. Key to that success is readiness. It has to be at the forefront of all your actions. Our enemy to the North is not going to give us time off to move or figure things out. As we plan for the big things, never forget the little details. Those are indicators of readiness in our formations.

Thank you for the commitment you show every day. We serve the world's most professional Army and strongest Alliance. I am confident that each of us will look back with pride on our contribution to this unique chapter in the history of Eighth Army.

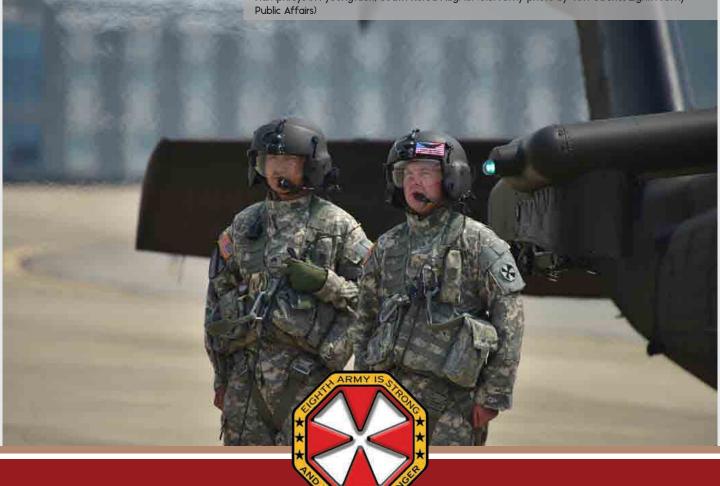
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Crew Chiefs from Eighth Army wait for U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley to depart Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea Aug. 18. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Oberle, Eighth Army Public Affaire)



Eighth Army

Eighth Army has been on the Korean peninsula since 1950, and for more than 66 years has proven itself unwavering in the defense of the Republic of Korea. Eighth Army is the U.S. Army's only permanent forward-deployed field Army, facing a constant threat from a dangerous and unpredictable enemy.

In 1994, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea restructured its military, placing 70 percent of its combat units along the Demilitarized Zone, just 30 miles from Eighth Army's headquarters in Seoul.

To combat this threat, Eighth Army must remain alert, disciplined and always ready to "Fight Tonight".

This unyielding readiness and discipline begins with Eighth Army's outstanding major subordinate commands(MSC). Eighth Army's formation includes the Army's only major combined fighting force, the 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Division; the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command; the 1st Signal Brigade; the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; the 65th Medical

Brigade and the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade.

In addition to these permanently deployed MSCs, Eighth Army also hosts rotational units from commands across the Army. During their mission in Korea, these rotational units are exposed to a unique training and fighting environment while simultaneously supporting Eighth Army and the ROK peninsula with added fighting capabilities

Through these MSCs and rotational units, Eighth Army has a full spectrum of combat capabilities including military intelligence; ground, air and missile defense; theater communications infrastructure; sustainment; the ability to counter chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear high yield explosive threats and ground combat forces. Eighth Army also boasts a fully modernized combat force that includes the Avenger Weapon System, M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams tank, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, M1 Assault Breacher Vehicle, AH-64D Apache Longbow Block II attack helicopter, UH-60L Black Hawk general-purpose helicopter and CH-47F Chinook heavy-lift

helicopter.

The Army's units and Soldiers assigned to the Republic of Korea Army make up the largest force of the overall ROK-U.S. alliance, consisting of Eighth Army, 7th Air Force, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea and the U.S. Corps of Engineers Far East Division. These multi-component forces combine to form the United States Forces Korea. USFK stands ready to defend the ROK peninsula and its people in the event of North Korean hostile aggression at a moment's notice, and Eighth Army supports this alliance with increased readiness, teamwork, discipline and leadership in the event of a crisis situation.

Eighth Army maintains proficiency through various exercises such as Key Resolve, Ulchi Freedom Guardian and Courageous Channel. These exercises, held throughout the year, check Eighth Army's capabilities while testing the command's systems.

One example is through Exercise Courageous Channel. Courageous Channel is a non-combatant evacuee exercise aimed at evacuating and transporting military family members, DOD civilians and other non-combatants off the Korean peninsula during a hostile conflict or natural disaster.

In late 2016, Eighth Army put 60 volunteers, consisting of service members' spouses and children, through the exercise and transported them through the path that these family members would take during an actual crisis situation. In doing this, Eighth Army learned what it takes to make NEO more efficient for future training exercises and real world scenarios.

As with any year, organizational and strategic evolution are critical requirements in this ever-changing theater. Eighth Army's evolution in 2017 will forever change the landscape here.

In 2017 Eighth Army faces the most extensive transformation since its arrival on the peninsula. In order to sustain long-term readiness, more than 29,000 Soldiers, civilians and family members will move to Camp Humphreys near Pyeongtaek. During the past several years, the ROK government has invested some \$10.7 billion in construction to transform Camp Humphreys into one of the largest and most advanced military bases in the world.

When complete, Camp Humphreys will have nearly tripled in size from its original 1,200 acres to more than 3,500 acres. This is the largest construction project in the Army Corps of Engineers Far East District's history. Once construction, relocation and consolidation are finished, there will be two enduring hubs on the Korean peninsula: A central operational hub around the cities of Osan and Pyeongtaek and a southern logistical hub around the city of Daegu.

Eighth Army looks forward to the organizational transformation, and, as always, will defend the Korean peninsula and be ready to "Fight Tonight"!

Pacific Victors!



Members of the military community in Yongsan participate in a Transformation Town Hall meeting hosted by Eighth Army at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea, Oct. 27. The Transformation Town Hall meeting is a monthly forum to brief and update the community on the relocation of U.S. Forces Korea to Camp Humphreys. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Jung Dong-in, Eighth Army Public Affairs)



Eighth Army senior officers and non-commissioned officers participate in a ruck march up Namsan, Seoul, South Korea, April 19. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Jung Dong-in, Eighth Army public affairs office)



The 210th Field Artillery Brigade fired rockets from a MLRS during a training exercise in the spring of 2016 at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex. (Photo courtesy of 2ID RUCD Public Affairs)



2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division

The 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Division (2ID/RUCD) continues to be the Army's only permanently forward-deployed combined division. Its commitment to unprecedented combined training, leader development and "Fight Tonight" readiness is a testament to the strength of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

Today's Warrior Division professionals carry on a legacy forged through nearly a century of "Second to None" service with more than six decades of fighting, training and living shoulder-to-shoulder with their Korean teammates right here on freedom's frontier.

The Combined Division's agile and adaptive warriors deter North Korean aggression and maintain peace on the peninsula - and if deterrence fails, they are capable of no-notice sustained operations to ensure the security and stability of the Korean people.

Its organic and rotational units provide this "Fight Tonight" readiness during crisis through the deployment of counter-fire task force elements and supporting security

forces, the evacuation of non-combatants, and the transition to combined arms maneuver and counter weapons of mass destruction operations as required.

The division's critical combined nature lives in its leader-ship, planning, training and operations across the peninsula. In its first year as a Combined Division, 2ID/RUCD grew tremendously in combined capacity and capability, and its forward-thinking ROK and U.S. leaders charted the course for the future of the division and the alliance as a whole.

With more than 40 ROK officers serving alongside their U.S. counterparts, the Warrior Division's Combined Staff opens doors for increased situational awareness and coordination, while integrating combined planning at the division-level.

Relationship building visits, exchanges and leader development sessions with ROK Army officers and noncommissioned officers from partner ROK Army infantry divisions help form the bonds, and cultural and personal



The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Ted Martin, and the ROK Army's 26th Mechanized Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Shin, In Ho, signed a combined training memorandum of understanding to signify, and continue their already strong alliance in protecting and ensuring security on the Korean Peninsula. (Photo courtesy of 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

Warrior Division Soldiers conduct training in full chemcial combat gear during exercise Warrior Strike, June. (Photo courtesy of 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

understanding that enhance the strength of the division and the alliance.

2ID/RUCD success also relies on the capabilities of all of its major subordinate commands – 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd ID Sustainment Brigade, and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (rotational) – and demands that they be prepared to work in concert with ROK Army partner units in all possible scenarios.

Its rotational teammates play an invaluable role in these efforts and in the overall security and stability across the peninsula during their nine-month tours. The 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers from Fort Riley, Kansas, provide maneuver brigade capabilities to the division, and 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment Soldiers from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, provide multiple launch rocket system support to the 210th FA Bde.'s counter-fire task force mission. In a historic final mission, pilots and crews from the rotational 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade out of Fort Bragg, N.C., fly reconnaissance missions near the northern parts of South Korea in OH-58D Kiowa Warriors during the helicopters' final deployment before being decommissioned from the U.S. Army.

Combined multi-echelon training events and engagement opportunities bring these diverse units together to build teamwork, knowledge and strong partnerships at all levels, because the type of "Fight Tonight" readiness that the Warrior Division guarantees, requires that every Soldier in every unit understands and plays his or her important role in the combined fight.

In 2017, "Second To None" troops will continue to attack evolving training events and engagements to strengthen and expand existing relationships and capabilities and develop new ones. They'll embrace challenging and realistic exercises that build and test their readiness when faced with joint and combined arms live-fire operations in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear – explosive conditions; combined counter weapons of mass destruction operations; counter-fire task force combined arms situations; emergency deployment readiness requirements; force protection events; non-combatant evacuations; and peninsula-wide mission command scenarios.

Through all of this, Warrior Division leaders continue to prioritize dynamic and engaging leader development programs, community volunteer and cultural opportunities, equal opportunity observances, safety and suicide prevention training, and they set the standard in providing positive alternatives for Soldiers and facilitating Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention training tools and resources like the 360 Training Buildings in Area I and III.

While it's true that 2ID/RUCD units experience a unique training and operational environment that places an unmatched priority on readiness, it's actually the Warrior Division's commitment to the welfare and development of each and every member of the Second To None Family, past and present, that's kept the Indianhead legacy alive and will ensure it only gets stronger in centuries to come.







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An Army Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Artillery Regiment is loaded onto a Navy vessel at the port of Pohang, South Korea Sep. 2. (Photo courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)



19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

Daegu, SOUTH KOREA--The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command is the only permanently forward-deployed ESC, and consists of nearly 7,000 assigned personnel spread out across the Korean theater of operations, from the Sea to the Demilitarized Zone.

Team 19 provides operational sustainment and mission command for sustainment support to Eighth Army and U.S. Forces Korea. They execute combined joint reception staging and onward movement, and conducts non-combatant evacuee operations. Team 19 manages the southern hub, which is the sustainment and power projection backbone for the Korean Peninsula. The ESC is home to the U.S. Army's largest military police battalion, 94th MP, providing law enforcement, discipline and law and order to the peninsula.

In addition to the direct support mission, Team 19 serves as a strategic partner with other sustainment and support organizations. The 19th ESC serves as a key member of the ROK-U.S. alliance by working with Republic of Korea partners such as the ROK Army 2nd Operational Command, 1st ROK Army, 3rd ROK Army, ROK Transportation Command and ROK Logistics Command. Through these partnerships, 19th ESC provides combined logistical operations throughout the country.

The 19th ESC regularly trains and conducts massive logistical exercises directly contributing to a constant state of readiness. The 19th ESC has a high operation tempo and daily real-world missions. Team 19 leads a significant role in every major exercise in the Korean theater of operation including Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Key Resolve, Focus Passage, Courageous Channel and Pacific Pathways. Team 19 is also known for its support to Korea's bi-annual exercise, Combined/Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore.

In 2017, 19th ESC will showcase its power, abilities and logistical expertise in an upgraded version of the bi-annual exercise C/JLOTS. In the spring, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command will be center stage as they lead the Combined Distribution Exercise.



The 19th ESC conducts Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group operations as DoD family members board a C-130 as non-combatant evacuee role-players, Nov. 1. (Photos courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)



An Army tactical vehicle assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Artillery Regiment is loaded onto an Army dock landing ship at the port of Pohang, South Korea Sep. 2. (Photos courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen from both the Republic of Korea and the United States will work together under the leadership of Team 19's Combined Joint Task Force Commander and planning from the Team 19 staff. The CDE will include C/JLOTS execution, aerial delivery via rotary wing and logistics convoy operations.

The CDE will allow the joint forces to gauge their abilities to perform coastline missions such as establishing a seaside logistic point in an area without facilities, transporting equipment and personnel ashore from ships to

the mainland, conducting security operations, and provide logistical support.

Along with the coordination portions of bringing multiple branches from multiple countries together for the exercise, 19th ESC logistical expertise will be the major focus in executing the exercise. The distribution exercise will set the example for logisticians across both military forces on how to conduct combined and joint logistics undertakings in a complex, forward-deployed environment. The collaborative effort between both countries will strengthen the ROK-U.S. alliance and building confidence in both forces' ability to "Fight Tonight".

The 19th ESC will hone its abilities to conduct the unique mission for non-combatant evacuation operations during 2017's Courageous Channel. In 2016, the team enhanced the NEO exercise by redeploying rotational forces through the same systems and processes non-combatants would follow in the event of a crisis. Courageous Channel 2016 consisted of DoD family volunteers evacuating from all areas off the Korean peninsula through Team 19's professional planning and support. Team 19 studied the strengths and shortfalls of Courageous Channel 2016 to begin building and enhancing a more realistic NEO exercise for 2017.

Ultimately, Team 19 is a people-centric organization. It is a diverse unit which aims to treat everyone with dignity and respect while fostering an environment where people can learn, thrive, and grow while supporting the warfighter and ready to "Fight Tonight".





1st Signal Brigade

With a history dating back 50 years and an ever-changing future, 1st Signal Brigade continues to keep military communication operations running smoothly in today's digital era throughout all of the Republic of Korea.

The 1st Signal Brigade provides secure and reliable communications throughout Korea to enable joint and combined mission command during armistice, crisis and war. The brigade engineers, installs, operates, maintains, defends and extends the Cyber domain to maintain strategic and tactical communications. These "Fight Tonight" efforts enable support of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea, and Eighth Army's ability to lead, direct, and maneuver available forces.

More than 1,500 U.S. Army Soldiers, Republic of Korea Soldiers augmented to the U.S. Army, civilians, contractors and Korean nationals make up the fighting force of 1st Signal Brigade.

Today's Signaleers are the "Voice of the ROK", working and living side-by-side with their Korean partners to ensure open communication across the nation, while strengthening the foundation of trust and partnership forged by those who served before them.

The brigade's Soldiers work day and night to deter North Korean cyber-attacks and remain vigilant for imminent threats. If this prevention fails, they are prepared to transition to "Fight Tonight" status to protect the wellbeing of everyone on the peninsula.

Cyber threats are growing and evolving as armed forces become increasingly more reliant on networks for mission command. Soldiers of 1st Signal Brigade place top priority on maintaining readiness, operational effectiveness and cyber security at all times.

The success of 1st Signal Brigade relies on the capabilities of all of its major subordinate commands – 41st Signal Battalion, 36th Signal Battalion, 304th Expeditionary



Soldiers with 1st Signal Brigade maintain day-to-day communication operations in any given operating environment. The "First to Communicate" brigade provides strategic and tactical communications for Eighth Army, United States Forces Korea and all the mission support commands. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Thurman, 1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs)

Signal Soldiers face not only the challenge of moving their brigade, but also assisting more than 42,000 personnel and family members, also moving to USAG Humphreys, with communication operations in their new work buildings.

One of the bigger challenges the Signaleers will overcome in 2017 is having enough Soldiers to meet the demand of personnel needing assistance with connectivity for the phones, computers, etc. As the primary providers of communication, 1st Signal Brigade will be there to tackle the obstacles that come with such a large move.

2017 also brings the roll out of the Windows 10 software on the government computers. Because Windows 10 is a brand new operating system, there will be a learning curve as people get comfortable understanding and operating the new system.

Signaleers will provide some basic assistance with how to use the new system, as well as ensuring that when everyone does transition, the data from their computers are properly stored on a backup.

After receiving orders to conduct a test bed of Windows 10 on NIPR, 1st Signal Brigade is responsible to ensure they work out all the bugs before the system rolls out to other users because there are always minor malfunctions with new programs.

Once the new system is operational, Soldiers of 1st Signal Brigade will work diligently to back-up existing information, place the new software on the computers and get feedback from users, all while fixing issues or recording flaws in the system to push back to the Department of the Army.

Even with all the upcoming real-world events, the Signaleers continue to be quiet professionals, maintaining their skills to provide secure and reliable communications throughout Korea to enable joint and combined mission command during armistice, crisis and war.

Signal Battalion (ESB), United States Army Communications Information Systems Activity, Pacific and the Regional Cyber Center Korea.

Daily operations include Soldiers running the Network Enterprise Centers or NECs in Areas I, II, III and IV, while providing customer service for Non–Classified Internet Protocol Router and Secret Internet Protocol Router Internet

The 1st Signal Brigade has Soldiers all across the peninsula from small teams at U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud in the north to large companies at Camp Walker in the south.

In 2017, 1st Signal Brigade Soldiers will make the long anticipated move to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, shifting the brigade and the 41st Signal Battalion head-quarters from U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, as part of the largest re-stationing of U.S. forces in Department of Defense history.



In preparation for their upcoming move, key leaders from 41st Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade inspect the soon-to-be brigade and battalion headquarters building at Camp Humphreys, October 26. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Samantha Stoffregen, 1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs)



35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

The 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade provides joint and combined theater air and missile defense protection of assigned critical assets to deter and defend against aerial observation, aerial attack and ballistic missile attack. In accomplishing its mission, the brigade enables strategic options by preserving sortie generation and combat power generation capabilities that provide freedom of action for Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea campaign objectives.

During armistice, the Dragon Brigade is garrisoned at five geographically dispersed locations across the Korean Peninsula, ranging as far north as Camp Casey and as far south as Camp Carroll. Comprised of more than 1,600 Soldiers, KATUSAs, DA Civilians and contractors, the brigade is task organized with two battalions that utilize Patriot and Avenger air defense systems. With minimal notification, 35th ADA batteries are prepared to deploy and occupy additional wartime locations and provide ballistic missile defense of strategic assets throughout the Korean theater of operations.

The global significance of Asia, combined with the growing threats, drives U.S. national policy to equip our forces in the region with the most state of the art equipment. The 35th ADA Brigade is at the forefront of a large scale Patriot modernization effort. Upon completion, the unit will be the first air defense artillery brigade in the U.S. Army outfitted with the new Radar Digital Processor-Capable (RDP-C) and Post Deployment Build 8 PDB-8) upgrades. These hardware and software advancements will replace legacy system components, and improve the overall effectiveness of the Patriot missile system.

The brigade is committed to strengthening the alliance through key leader engagements that familiarize ROK counterparts with the 35th ADA Brigade's unique mission set and capabilities. Throughout the year, Col. Mark Holler and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric McCray, 35th ADA Brigade command team, met with multiple ROK general officers to discuss ways to enhance interoperability of combined ADA assets.



Lt. Col. Marc Pelini, commander, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment talks Patriot capabilities and equipment with retired Gen. Kim, Hyun-Jip, former deputy commander, Combined Forces Command at Osan Air Base, South Korea, Aug. 11. (Photo courtesy of 35th Air Defence Artillery Brigade Public Affairs)

An example of this strong ROK-U.S. alliance was demonstrated during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2016. The 35th ADA Brigade established a combined-joint Brigade Operations Center (BOC) to increase interoperability between vested stakeholders of the air and missile defense mission in the ROK. This endeavor synchronized the common operating picture between U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and ROK-Air Force commands by placing a liaison within the 35th ADA BOC, a practice that will be continued during future exercises and crisis.

In 2016, the 35th ADA Brigade partnered with 11th ADA Brigade from Fort Bliss, Texas, and 1st Battalion, 1st ADA Regiment from Okinawa, Japan to conduct three separate Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises (EDREs), to train the reception and integration of additional Patriot forces into the Korean AOR. These valuable exercises provide a platform for mutual validation of the mission essential tasks required to rapidly build combat power in the Republic of Korea; a mission the brigade will continue to rehearse throughout 2017.

A vital component of our mission is to foster strong relations with our local communities through several means. The good neighbor program is one of the ways we strengthen the alliance between the brigade and the Republic of Korea. The commitment of the Dragon Brigade has forged unbreakable ties with our local communities and remains a priority for each of our units. Partnership events continue to provide our Soldiers with the rich and unique cultural experiences, exclusive to Korea. 2017 is certainly no exception.

When Soldiers join the Dragon Team, they can look forward to being mentally and physically challenged with opportunities only available in the 35th ADA Brigade. The brigade is actively exploring innovative ways of giving back to Soldiers through our Fun Activities, Sports, and Travel (FAST) program. In addition, the brigade is hosting multiple spiritual retreats for Soldiers and Families to build

resiliency and increase morale.

The Dragon Brigade remains steadfast and prepared to execute several key milestones in the New Year. In 2017, the 35th ADA Brigade welcomes a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery into its task organization, a defining pledge to the ballistic missile defense of the Korean Peninsula. Next, the brigade will become the Army's first unit to undergo an extensive Patriot modernization effort that will provide cutting-edge technology to counter current and emerging enemy threats. Dragon Soldiers remain committed to the US/ROK alliance and will sustain through various combined interoperability and partnership events. In summary, the Dragon Brigade is a well-trained and well-led team of disciplined professionals who stand ready to deter, defend and defeat the enemies of the Republic of Korea.

Ready in Defense...Always!



Sgt. Robert Dingle (center), 1st Lt. Nathanael Agront (left) and Pfc. Christopher Kline (right) of C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment ruck to the finish line during the 35th ADA Brigade Missile Defender of the Year competition Oct. 25, at Osan Air Base, South Korea. The trio won best Engagement Control Station crew after competing in 16 different events over five days. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Veejay Ermita, 35th Air Defence Artillery Brigade Public Affairs)



65th Medical Brigade

The 65th Medical Brigade has a long history of service on the Korean Peninsula. The brigade and its subordinate units, the 121st Combat Support Hospital, 168th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, the 618th Dental Company, the 106th Veterinary Detachment, Headquarters, Headquarters Company and the United States Army Medical Material Command Korea first arrived in Korea June 25, 1958 as a subordinate unit of the Eighth Field Army Support Command. On October 1, 1968 they were designated a major subordinate command of Eighth United States Army. Inactivated in Korea in 1971 they were subsequently reactivated October 16, 2008 as the 65th Medical Brigade and have remained an integral part of the Armistice and Alliance operations ever since.

Every military base in Korea has a Soldier wearing the brigade's notable shoulder sleeve insignia. The caduceus symbolizes U.S. Army Medicine, while the downward pointing sword indicates both the non-combatant status of the command and their direct support relationship to the combatant units on the Korean Peninsula. The color

yellow denotes excellence, while the color white is one of the traditional colors of the Army Medical Department. The Taeguk is adapted from the national flag of the Republic of Korea and alludes to the 65th Medical Brigade's current home. The serpents intertwine the sword's blade seven times to represent the six campaigns streamers awarded the unit during World War II.

On any given day the 65th Medical Brigade sees 768 Soldiers, family members and other beneficiaries in its nine clinics. An average of one baby is born a day and 13 patients receive in-patient care. Additionally, the brigade conducts 719 laboratory procedures, fills 367 prescriptions, takes 187 X-rays, and gives 96 immunizations at the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital daily. The brigade provides 24-hour ground evacuation and emergency services across the theater. It also performs 344 dental procedures in its nine dental clinics. The brigade's veterinarians keep their food supply secure by inspecting and testing more than 1.7 million pounds of meat and produce while simultaneously caring for the military



Soldiers assigned to the 65th Medical Brigade test to obtain the Expert Field Medical Badge at Warrior Base, Paju. The Expert Field Medical Badge is a two-week test of a Soldier's tactical and technical knowledge of combat medical treatment. (Photos courtesy of 65th Medical Brigade Public Affairs)

working dogs and family pets.

The 65th Medical Brigade's preventive medicine teams inspect and test more than 300 sites including swimming pools, living sites and dining facilities to ensure high standards in public health. It produces 200 pairs of eyeglasses and delivers medical supplies and blood when and where it's needed the most. The brigade maintains medical equipment for all U.S. forces in Korea. The medical Soldiers partner and train with Republic of Korea counterparts at 41 of the unit's host nation hospitals. The 65th Medical Brigade remains the dedicated professionals the profession of arms, the health service support and the force health protection mission requires.

The Brigade serves during an exciting time of transformation and transition, and as it moves its capabilities to new premiere facilities at Camp Humphreys, the 65th Medical Brigade looks forward to a bright future of continued excellence.

The current host nation hospital network will continue to provide quality healthcare throughout the transition. The smooth transition from one location to another demands careful planning, management, and execution and the transition team will insure that the people, equipment, and daily operations continue smoothly during preparation and project implementation, and then stabilize quickly in the new configuration in a way that is easy on both employees and beneficiaries.

The new Medical Complex at Camp Humphreys will eventually serve all medical, dental and veterinary care needs in new modern facilities that are currently under construction.

Once completed the new dental clinic at Camp Humphreys will be comprised of 79 dental chairs, making it the largest in the Pacific.



An Animal Care Specialist cares for a family's pet at the 106th Veterinary Detachment Yongsan Pet Treatment Facility on Unites States Army Garrison Yongsan. (Photos courtesy of 65th Medical Brigade Public Affairs)

The new community hospital will be comprised of 68 beds with 4 operating rooms, and will include specialty clinics such as women's health services, behavioral health, physical and occupational therapy, gastroenterology, general surgery, family medicine, a full array of imaging services, inpatient and outpatient pharmacy, laboratory, patient administration, logistics, dining facility, administration, and limited retail as well as support ROKA nursing training programs.

More than 42,972 beneficiaries will continue to enjoy the services of the 65th Medical Brigade that its superb Soldiers provide while simultaneously remaining prepared and postured to "Fight Tonight" in defense of the Republic of Korea.

The 65th Medical Brigade remains committed to providing accessible, world-class healthcare to Soldiers, family members, retirees, and all beneficiaries. Throughout the transition, the brigade will never compromise the standard of care that you deserve.



501st Military Intelligence Brigade

The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade is ready to 'Fight Tonight', as the anchor-point for integration of all intelligence operations in the Korean theatre. As a Military Intelligence Brigade – Theater or MIB (T), the 501st is uniquely postured to provide intelligence support for all phases of military operations. The brigade's mission under the peninsula's current political climate focuses on supporting warfighters by providing indications and early warning of actions by opposing forces.

If hostilities begin, the brigade's mission will shift to providing combined, multi-discipline intelligence and force protection support to the United Nations Command/-Combined Forces Command (CFC), the CFC Ground Component Command, and their subordinate units, Eighth U.S. Army and the forces of the Republic of Korea. The Soldiers of the 501st, in conjunction with their ROK counterparts, have the satisfaction of doing their real-world mission every day. Leaders and policy makers across the Korean peninsula use the products built by 501st Soldiers daily.

The battalions that make up the 501st MI Brigade each have their own unique mission and methods of contributing to the brigade's success. Those battalions are the 3rd MI Battalion Aerial Exploitation (AE), the 532nd MI Battalion, the 719th MI Battalion and the 368th MI Battalion. In FY18, the Brigade plans to reactivate a fifth battalion, the 524th MI Battalion.

The mission of the 3rd MI Battalion (AE) is to provide timely combat information and intelligence to the tactical and operational warfighters through responsive airborne collection, processing, analysis and reporting. The Soldiers of the 3rd MI Battalion (AE) work around the clock to process the intelligence collected with RC-12 Guardrail and RC-7 Airborne Reconnaissance Low (ARL) aircraft. The 3rd MI Battalion is the only MI Battalion in the entire U.S. Army that currently has both RC-12 and RC-7s.

The 532nd MI Battalion provides Indications and Warning (I&W) Intelligence support to the Korean Theater of Operations (KTO) through the Theater Analysis and

Control Element (ACE) and Ground Component Command Combined Analysis Control Center (GCC-CACC). The ACE/GCC-CACC provides the United States Forces Korea (USFK) J2, CFC C2, and Eighth Army G2 combined analysis and liaison with intelligence professionals of the ROK Army. The 532nd MI Battalion also provides direct support All-Source Intelligence Analysis to the USFK J2 and conducts Theater Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) analysis and support. In addition to daily theater intelligence over watch, the 532nd MI Battalion provides direct intelligence support to the USFK J2 and CFC C2 during theater exercises Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) and Key Resolve (KR).

The 719th MI Battalion is relatively young compared to the brigade, which arrived at Busan on 25 June 1951. The 719th MI Battalion moved to Camp Humphreys 9 March 1970, as the 751st MI Battalion. Re-designated as the 719th MI Battalion October 1, 2009, the unit traces its legacy through U. S. Army Security Agency Group Korea, 751st MI Battalion and 527th MI Battalion. These organizations helped shape the long-standing support the 719th MI Battalion provides today to the ROK Army whom they work with side-by-side on a daily basis. Running 24-hour operations, the 719th MI Battalion plays a vital role in providing the vigilance required to ensure the security of the ROK. The Soldiers of the 719th MI Battalion provide strategic and tactical intelligence support to commanders on the peninsula, commands throughout the Pacific and national consumers.

The 368th MI Battalion is an Army Reserve unit head-quartered in Camp Parks, Dublin, California. The 368th MI Battalion and its subordinate companies have participated in 31 military campaigns, covering the Korean and Vietnam Wars. It comprises the fourth battalion under the 501st MI Brigade's current structure. This relationship results in continuous involvement and integration of elements of the 368th MI Battalion in the brigade's operations and training.

In 2017, the 501st MI Brigade will not only participate in Eighth Army's major exercises, but the brigade will also host or conduct a number of additional events that involve elements outside of the brigade and sometimes the peninsula.

One such exercise is Arirang Sentinel 17, hosted by the 532nd MI Battalion. With participants from across the Pacific Command (PACOM), this event is the theater's premier combined/joint CI and HUMINT training and assessment exercise.

Additionally, in October 2017 elements of the 532nd MI Battalion will combine with additional assets to form their own separate battalion, the 524th MI Battalion. The proposed mission of the 524th MI Battalion is to conduct counter-intelligence and human-intelligence collection operations in support of CFC/USFK and Eighth Army throughout the ROK.

Finally, the 501st MI Brigade hosts command teams and intelligence professionals from across the peninsula twice a year for the brigade's capabilities exercise at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. CAPEX is a systems and architecture demonstration designed to highlight key intelligence capabilities and support given to the combined intelligence enterprise in the Korean theater of operations.



lst Sgt. Thomas J. Taitano of the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade provides direction to Pfc. Darece E. Gaylor during Exercise Northern Vigilance at Camp Carroll. (U.S. Army photo by Sfc. Brandon J. Sterner, 501st MI Brigade Public Affairs).



Sgt. Ricardo Ortiz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st MI Brigade performs sustainment training on tactical communication during a field exercise on Camp Hovey, South Korea, September 20. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hunter Xue, 501st MI Brigade Public Affairs)





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